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Prices at the beginning of the week were unchanged in Chicago and New York. In areas where pricing is based off the previous week's markets, prices were unchanged to sharply lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to slightly reduced for the lighter weights. During the week, prices were unchanged to higher for the Eastern and Chicago regions. Prices elsewhere were shown as no changes for the week. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to at times very good with retail features sparking the best interest. Supplies were usually adequate and were held with confidence in most areas. Nest run breaking stock prices were the same to slightly higher this week. Some product was being moved into grading channels as the retail market gained strength. Floor stocks were usually at least adequate to ample. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	89-92	78-81	59-61
New York	57-59	54-57	42-45
Philadelphia	52-57	50-55	40-42
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	42-43	40.5-42	34-35
Jackson (1)	52-53	49-50	40-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-63	47-61	39-53
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	43-48	42-47	33-38
Detroit (2)	39-42	38-41	28-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	40-46.5	39-45	29-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	43-50	41-48	32-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	58-60	55-56	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	78	71	63
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 3-Dec-99 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.92	54.55	42.32
SOUTHERN	56.15	54.24	42.02
MIDWEST	49.14	47.90	34.32
WESTERN	77.40	71.97	59.23
TWELVE METRO AREAS	62.50	59.31	46.54

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-07-99	11-30-99	12-08-98
Large	22-24	29-31	57-59
Medium	14-16	16-18	42-44

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Dec 06, 1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.6	7.2	4.5	11.2	7.0	35.5
	Change	0.7	-1.7	-0.4	3.1	-0.8	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.7	32.2	9.7	27.7	29.4	124.7
	Change	2.5	4.9	0.2	1.5	10.1	18%
Large	Curr Wk	43.2	69.0	53.9	72.4	86.4	324.9
	Change	4.1	4.8	-7.7	9.9	0.2	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.1	32.0	11.3	28.0	19.1	108.5
	Change	3.4	6.2	0.7	7.6	1.3	22%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	5.8	2.2	6.7	7.0	26.3
	Change	-0.6	-4.4	0.5	1.8	0.7	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	19.5	5.2	11.8	5.2	46.4
	Change	-1.4	-8.6	-4.4	-2.8	-2.5	-30%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	40.5	78.0	19.3	28.0	53.7	219.5
	Change	-5.1	-1.9	-7.1	-1.8	-5.7	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	142.4	243.7	106.1	185.8	207.8	885.8
Percent	Change	3%	0%	-15%	12%	2%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	885.8	1%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	493.1	7%	40
Total Shell Egg	1378.9	3%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
cW	1,256,059	27,908	13,526	7,308	2,594	4,091
PW	1,050,728	23,853	11,862	5,741	2,387	3,561
LY	1,083,784	25,066	10,440	5,414	2,184	3,579
% PW	20	17	14	27	9	15
% LY	16	11	30	35	19	14
'99	53,902,486	1,247,099	522,798	283,490	123,425	171,476
'98	50,877,277	1,166,316	504,850	265,630	118,408	163,098

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
42.06	42.84	41.06

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 04-Dec-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	249.3	3	1
E.N. CENTRAL	486.2	-1	7
W.N. CENTRAL	198.4	0	4
S. ATLANTIC	223.2	2	2
S. CENTRAL	78.0	-2	-5
WEST	213.4	-2	-8
TOTAL	1448.5	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Nov 27	Dec 4 Thousand	Nov 27	Dec 4
AL	28,169	27,820	19,047	20,064
AR	29,920	29,683	21,399	23,148
DE	4,330	4,436	5,688	5,244
FL	2,849	2,696	2,349	2,687
GA	*30,965	31,670	*23,792	24,569
MD	8,784	8,652	5,358	5,722
MS	*17,725	17,779	*13,996	13,894
NC	17,738	17,881	13,757	13,799
PA	*3,367	3,509	*2,786	2,598
SC	4,969	4,661	3,746	3,752
TX	13,554	13,630	10,765	11,117
VA	6,250	6,335	5,395	5,477
CA, TN, & WV	*11,587	10,616	9,781	10,253
15 State Total:	*180,207	179,368	*137,859	142,324
Previous Year :	180,153	175,890	136,717	142,295
Pct. of Prev. :	100	102	101	100

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 144.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 147.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.68 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-

WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/02/99-12/08/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.40	28.60	26.83	28.86	26.00	—	24.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	21.00	—	11.00
GNR W 3	21.00	22.00	18.00	20.00	18.00	20.00	10.00
GL W XL	35.00	—	—	—	32.15	33.00	15.50
GL W LG	—	33.00	32.15	34.36	31.32	36.00	31.75
GL W MD	—	26.58	22.10	24.57	22.83	—	24.50
GL W SM	—	22.00	19.25	21.00	—	—	4.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	21.00	22.00	—	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	16.00	17.00	—	—	19.87	21.05	31.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	15.00	17.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 04-Dec-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.3	34.1	-20	-32
BOSTON	3.5	2.9	21	-60
CHICAGO	49.9	47.7	4	-11
DETROIT	29.0	33.6	-14	29
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	77.4	100.7	-23	-12
NEW ORLEANS	11.7	12.4	-6	-21
NEW YORK	41.3	35.0	18	0
ST. LOUIS	16.7	17.3	-3	22
SAN FRANCISCO	19.2	27.2	-29	-12
TOTAL	276.1	311.0	-11	-13
4 WK MVG AVG	303.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING

27-Nov-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,310	46	3,356
AVG WT	0.00	26.90	26.15	26.89
LAST WEEK	1	6,815	30	6,846
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,185	27	4,212
AVG WT	0.00	24.60(A)	26.37	24.61
TO-DATE/1999	56	230,794(A)	1,695	232,545
TO-DATE/1998	72	239,035(A)	1,780	240,887

(A) Includes 717,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,034,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-99

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER		OLD		TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	WT	AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND		HEAD	WT	
N EAST	1,033	56	20.66	(A)	(A)	1,034	20.68
S ATL	425	-29	30.83	(A)	(A)	450	30.61
N CENT	1,264	-65	31.89	(A)	(A)	1,284	31.78
S CENT	339	-63	21.60	NONE	NONE	339	21.60
WEST	249	-75	27.93	NONE	NONE	249	27.93
U.S.TOTAL	3,310(B)	-31	26.90	0	46	3,356	26.89
TO DATE							
1999	230,794(B)			56	1,695	232,545	
TO DATE							
1998	239,035(B)			72	1,780	240,887	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 717,000; last year to date 1034,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	154,008(A)	2,090	1,439	3,529	489
AVG WT	5.08	3.63	7.70	5.29	6.51
LAST WEEK	109,769	1,364	846	2,210	387
YR AGO	152,178	2,191	1,297	3,488	431
AVG WT	4.97	3.51	8.07	5.20	6.57
TO-DATE/1999	7,241,313	98,719	67,746	166,465	21,180
TO-DATE/1998	7,001,075	96,427	60,400	156,827	21,576

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 12.3 million head more than or 109 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Dec 11

	CURRENT WEEK 12/11/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/04/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	152,367(2)	153,842
LT HENS	2,146	2,054
HVY HENS	1,468	1,533
TOTAL	155,981	157,429

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Dec-99 is 144.1 million head compared to 150.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.2 million head or 10.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-Dec-99 the estimated available is 139.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 30	153.9	148.5	104	4.97
NOVEMBER 6	156.6	148.3	106	5.12
13	150.2	144.2	104	5.02
20	147.3	140.5	105	4.97
27	111.1	140.3	79	4.97
DECEMBER 4	155.9	143.6	109	5.08
YEAR TO DATE	7330.9	7255.4	101	
DECEMBER 11		144.1		
18		139.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
6-Dec-99	29-Nov-99	29-Nov-99	7-Dec-98
58.62	-1.20	59.82	60.85

NUMBER OF LOADS 643

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 12/06-12/11/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.20	47	55.51	77
Los Angeles	64.00	62.80	61	61.44	149
New York	52.00-56.00	52.29	41	55.93	78

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	76-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77	75	75.00	10
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	67-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-69	69	69.00	10
WESTERN REGION	66-72	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 06-Dec-99	3,624	67,769	76,132
AM 1-Nov-99	3,633	161,851	82,865
CHG	-9	-94082	-6733
PCT CHG	0	-58	-8

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	9	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT
TURKS	251	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
POP	752	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
12/06/99			
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8-12.5	10.74
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	9-18(1)	10-12	11.87
12/03/99			
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)		

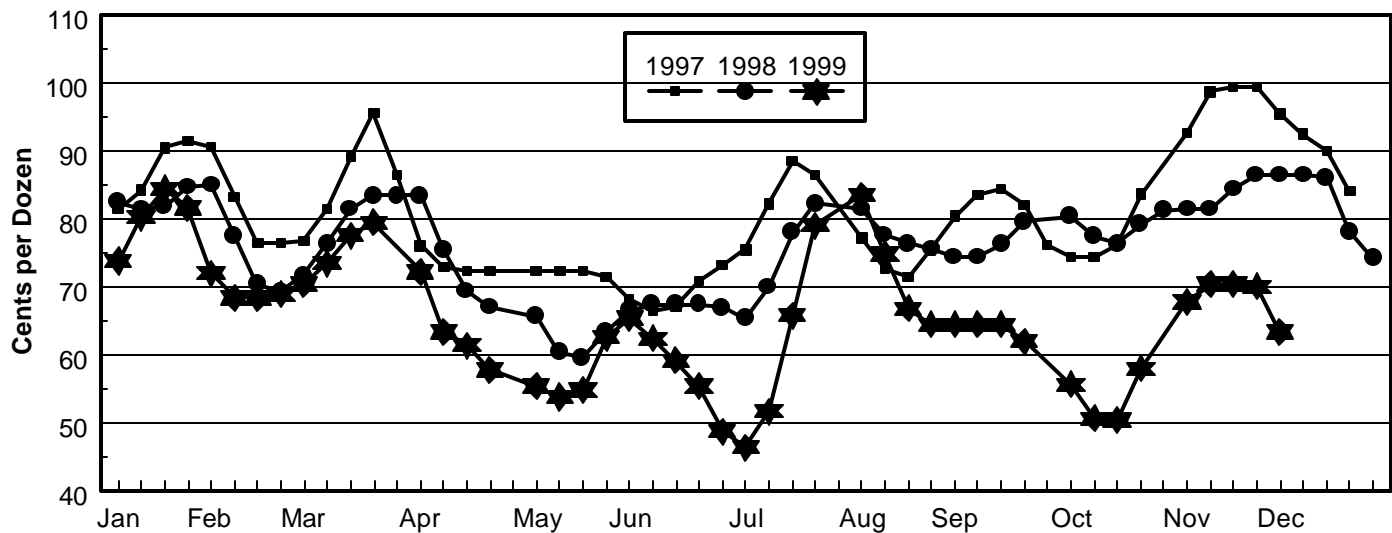
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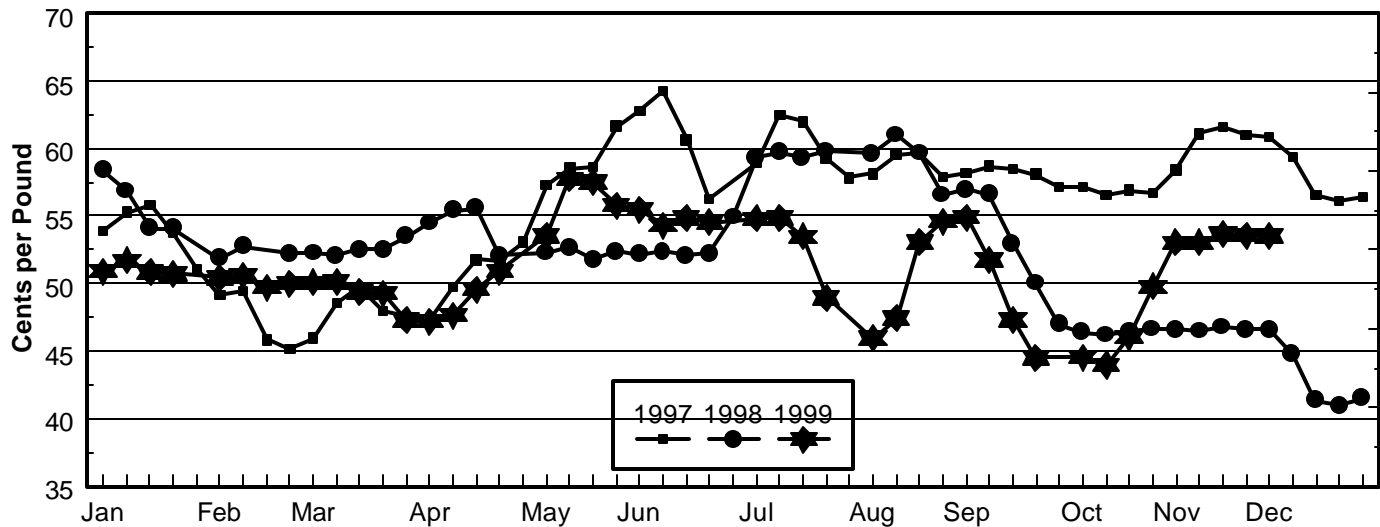
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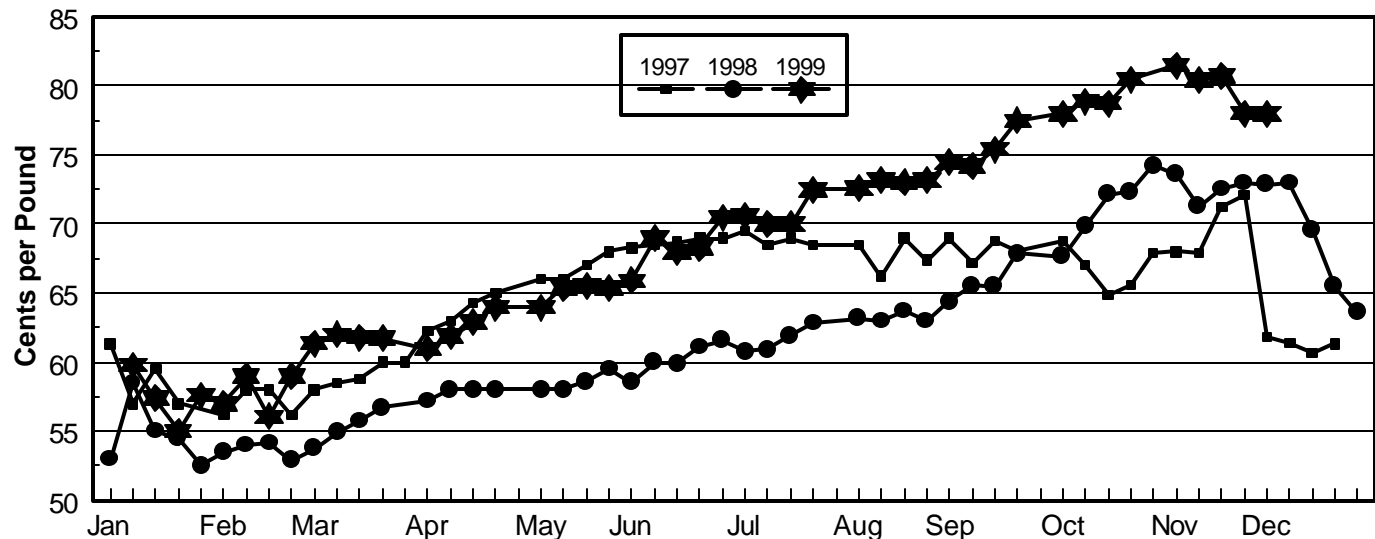
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.